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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

PATE, JAMES

Examiner

Daniel St.Cyr

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-12, 15, 17, 27 and 29-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6-12, 15, 17, 27 and 29-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/15/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the applicant amendment filed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-4, 6-11, 12, 15, 17, 27, 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pate et al, US Patent No. 6,754,605.

Pate et al disclose a method and system for automating data storage array components testing with integrated work order dispatching comprising: a system 200 including an assembly line 204 on which a product 202 such as a data storage array component or the like may be transported and/or assembled, a buffer zone 230 where the product 202 may be kept temporarily a re-work station 240 where re-work may be performed on the product 202 after the product 202 fails a test, and two types of test cells where testing for the product 202 may be performed; a test cell 210 (Test Cell # 1) having a star configuration, and a test cell 220 (Test Cell # 2) having a ladder/magazine configuration, the test cell 210 may include a storage component interface comprised of a plurality of storage component interface modules 214, a plurality of SAN targets 216 such as PCs, hosts, and the like communicatively coupled to the storage component interface, and a rotating carousel 212 for rotating the product 202 to face an appropriate storage component interface modules 214, the test cell 220 may include a storage

component interface 222; as the product 202 continues down the assembly line, a RFID tag of the product 202 is be read by a RFID scanner 206 to determine a serial number of the product 202 (the serial number provides links to product information including test required) (see col. 2-3).

Pate et al fail to disclose or fairly suggest all the details/ method steps, the type of tag, etc. However, since the structural limitations are as recited the method step is obtained, and, therefore, obvious. The structure of Pate et al is capable of performing all the functions set forth in the claims. An ordinary artisan would have been able to employ the system of Pate et al to perform the functions and/or the method steps required as set forth in the claims. With respect to the specific type of tag, such as read-only, write-once, these tags are used to meet specific customer requirements, they do not provide any unexpected results. therefore, it would have been an obvious extension as taught by Pate et al.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel St.Cyr whose telephone number is 571-272-2407. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on 571-272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner
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June 22, 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel St.Cyr', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.